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THE CUBAN TROUBLE.

PLENTY OF WAR TALK ABOUT WASHINGTON.

The Action of the Government Anxiously Awaited.—Cameron's Resolution in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Talking war and voting for what would bring actual war are two very different things. The leading Republicans furnished their share of the war talk which preceded the election in the halls of Congress, but now that the election is over and a Republican President is on the eve of being inaugurated, some of these Republicans have changed their tune. This has been especially noticeable since the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations took the bull by the horns and reported a short resolution declaring the independence of Cuba, and that the U. S. would use its good offices to bring about peace between the Spaniards and Cuba, notwithstanding a protest from Secretary Olney, who appeared before the Committee and argued for a continuance of the policy of non-action. The Republicans have not made any party announcement on this resolution and probably will not until the public discussions during the Congressional holiday recess shall have shown unmistakably whether it would be wise for them to make the defeat of the resolution a party question. McKinley does not want the resolution adopted, and his closest friends in Congress are scheming to get up a plan under which it may be hung up without a vote. Speaker Reed declines to publicly commit himself, but he is believed to be against it. That the resolution, if put into force, would result in a war with Spain is believed by all, but it is a long way from being in force, and your correspondent would not like to put up a cent on its ever being in force. In the first place, it would have to get a two-thirds vote in both branches of Congress in order to be adopted over President Cleveland's veto, which it would certainly meet upon its first adoption. McKinley's wishes may not affect the Senate, but they will have much weight in the House. The fate of the resolution depends largely upon the state of public opinion when Congress reassembles, and that may be affected one way or the other by news from Cuba during the next two weeks.

The remarkable position assumed toward the Cuban resolution by Secretary Olney is causing much talk among the Constitutional lawyers in and out of Congress. He says that the President alone is vested by the Constitution with authority to recognize a new state and that Mr. Cleveland will not obey the resolution even if it should receive the unanimous vote of both branches of Congress, but will regard it simply as an expression of Congressional opinion. Most of those who will talk express the opinion that Mr. Olney is wrong.

The Tennessee delegation in the House are under obligations to Speaker Reed for counting a quorum to pass the bill appropriating \$130,000 for a Government building and Exhibit at Nashville Centennial, which was fought by Representative Bailey, of Texas.

A goodly number of Senators and Representatives did not wait for the adjournment on the 22nd for the Christmas recess. Congress will reassemble Jan. 5.

In addition to Senator Allen's resolution for a general investigation by a Senate Committee of the expenditure of money in the Presidential Campaign, Representative Meredith, of Va. has offered a resolution providing for an investigation of the report alleging that National Banks contributed large sums to the Republican campaign fund. A preamble says that National banks being under Government control, it is clearly within the province of Congress to protect their stock holders from misuse of their funds. The resolution provides for a committee of eleven, including representatives of the Republican, Populist and National Democratic parties, which shall have power to send for persons and papers in its investigation, and which is directed to report if it be found that such contributions were made whether the same were lawful, and if not, what penalties are provided by law. The resolution further directs that all Government bank examiners shall assist the committee by investigating under its instructions, the banks in their districts.

Senator Vest declares the report ridiculous that he had the nomination of Secretary Francis held up to help him get re-elected to the Senate, and calls attention to the fact that there is neither a Palmer nor a McKinley Democrat in the Missouri legislature. As to why this and other gold Democratic nominations have been held up, Mr. Vest said: "The nomination of

Francis was postponed for consideration until after the recess as were the nominations of all the Palmer or McKinley Democrats." There was a look in the eyes of the Senator when he spoke which bodes no good for these held up nominations.

Charlie Crisp, son of the late ex-Speaker of the House, was sworn in as a member on Saturday. He is the youngest member of the House.

The Cameron Cuba Resolution.

Joint Resolution Acknowledging the Independence of the Republic of Cuba.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the independence of the Republic of Cuba be, and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

Section 2.—That the United States will use its friendly offices with the Government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the senate foreign affairs committee, and reported to the senate, where it will be taken up and debated after the holidays. The point at issue will be whether the President or Congress is the proper authority to recognize a foreign government. The President and some able senators claim the Executive is the constitutional authority and not Congress. Other able senators and lawyers claim the power rests with Congress. This question is likely to be the most important one of this winter's session. Precedents can be cited in favor of either side.

Legislation Run to Seed.

Phil. Record: The abolition of the theatre hat; the stoppage of horse-racing; the Sunday closing of picture galleries, museums and other places of innocent amusement; the interdiction of music with beer, and a thousand other proposed petty and nameless invasions of personal liberty occupy the time of men who are paid to attend to more momentous business. After drifting away for a hundred years from the early Puritanism which kept a married man indoors after sunset and prohibited him from kissing his wife on the Sabbath day, we seem to be drifting back again into that discarded system of cut-and-dried mock morality which was overturned and thrust out by the success of the Revolution and the adoption of our splendid constitution. The people of the United States have altogether too much government nowadays.

Took Leave of His Congregation.

A country minister in a certain town took permanent leave of his congregation in the following pathetic manner: Brothers and sisters, I come to say good bye. I don't think God loves this church, because none of you ever die. I don't think you love each other, because I never marry any of you. I do not think you love me, because you have not paid me my salary. Your donations are mouldy fruit and wormy apples, and 'by their fruits ye shall know them.' Brothers, I am going to a better place; I am called to be chaplain of a penitentiary. Where I go ye cannot come, but I go to prepare a place for you, and may the Lord have mercy on your souls. Good bye.

Lemont's P. M. Seekers.

The following nags have entered the race for the post-mastership at pretty little Lemont:

Charles Everts.
Isaac Armstrong.
Calvin Bathgate.
James Lytle.
Mrs. John Moore.
John Coble.

About one half of the above are far ahead while the balance are pop certain of the plum.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The Best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden, Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and William Pealer, Spring Mills.

—A pair of skates would be the right thing for a Christmas present for the boys; we have them in blue steel at 50 cents, nickle plate, 85c., at Bushman's, the Jeweler.

Fine pure sugar Table Syrups, new crop New Orleans Syrup, Maple Syrup, and Maple Sugar made from pure sap, finest Coffees, Teas and pure Spices.—Sechler & Co., Bellefonte.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Predictions Made by Foster.—A Storm Wave to Cross the Continent.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 15th to 20th the next will reach the Pacific coast about 20th, cross west of the Rockies country by the close of 21, great central valleys 22d to 24th, eastern states 25th. The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 20th, the great central valleys 22nd, eastern states 23rd. The cold wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 23rd, great central valleys 25th, eastern states 27. Temperature of the week ending 19th will average below normal and rainfall above. When reference is made in these bulletins for precipitation, snow is always included with rain.

My forecasts for November were almost perfect up to and including the 23. Then the reversals came, which, although warnings were published that they were coming, came earlier than expected turning the last four days of November wrong side up.

No very serious mistake has been made in the forecasts since those of January, 1896. The forecast errors for the last four or five days in November are frankly admitted. I had calculated the coldest days for about the 23rd and, leaving out the last four days of the month the 22 was the coldest day.

The December reversals were expected to continue about three weeks and if this estimate proved correct, the direct weather changes should be restored about 16th to 18, giving moderate weather about those dates and 23rd, with cold wave about 20th to 25. After that date and through January regular or direct weather changes are expected.

Local Notes.

Merry, merry Christmas to all. This issue of the Reporter contains a supplement.

Our townsman, Jacob From, on the hill, is building a cistern.

Reuben Hartman, of Millheim, is again on the sick list.

Read the Christmas articles on another page of this issue.

The general health of the valley is still good—may it always be so.

Several times within a week the sky tried hard to snow, but it wasn't a success.

Make all the little ones glad with Christmas gifts and tell them the meaning.

People are getting their ice houses ready; this winter bids fair to be an ice-maker.

J. G. Bailey, of Ferguson, can boast of being down with the mumps. May he shake them off soon.

Mrs. William Harter, of Aaronsburg, a few days ago, started in on her 83rd year in fair health.

Last Friday forenoon, 18th, for the first time this winter, the surface of the ground became white with snow.

Millhall is likely to have a match factory which is likely to be moved thither from another part of the state.

Tuesday's snow brought out the merry, merry bells on Wednesday morning, altho it wasn't No. 1 sleighing.

Horace Zerby, son-in-law of Uriah Osman, some years ago a resident of our town, is now a resident of Salt Lake City.

Turkeys are worth 10 cents per lb. Potatoes and apples still stand at the prices of the past six weeks. Pork is 4 and 4½ cents.

A Midlin county hunting party took three deer out of the Seven mountains last week; this is more than a half a dozen parties from this side could do this season.

Don't let Christmas pass without making some one glad; make a special effort to bring gladness to the hearts of as many children as possible—and thereby you will feel immeasurably glad yourself.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy, to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagab, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe, we have never yet heard of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

—A new suit, hat, or pair of shoes, makes a most suitable and much appreciated Christmas present. Any of these articles can be found at Lewins' big store, Bellefonte. They offer them at a clear saving of 25 per cent. to the buyer.

—Subscribe for the Reporter, \$1.50

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

THE ANNUAL SESSION AT BELLEFONTE.

A Big Attendance of Teachers.—Supt. Gramley Has Secured a Good Corps of Instructors.

The teachers' institute convened in the court house at Bellefonte, on Monday morning. The institute was formally opened by Supt. Gramley at 10 o'clock by taking the chair. A roll call of the teachers showed 275 present, only a few not responding to their names. An address of welcome was delivered, which was responded to by Prof. D. M. Wolf, of Spring Mills, and Prof. W. A. Krise, of Centre Hall. Several other addresses were made during the morning session.

During the day Hon. Willis R. Bierly, of Rebersburg, spoke upon the importance of instructing the scholars upon current events. For illustration he discussed the Cuban question, and pictured the Spaniard as a haughty and treacherous people.

The music for the institute is under the charge of Supt. T. L. Gibson, of Ebersburg, Pa., and Dr. M. G. Benedict, of State College.

Prof. Brumbaugh, of University of Penna. and Prof. George P. Bible are among the corps of competent instructors for the institute. The evening entertainments will consist of lectures and musical specialties. A number of visitors are in Bellefonte, and the interest manifested in the institute is more keen than any former session.

BRUSH VALLEY.

Items of Interest from the Lower End of the Valley.

The Selmsgrove students came home Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Wolf, who had been to Bellwood is home again.

Boys, watch for the weddings during the holidays.

Rev. Muma has a protracted meeting at Brumgard's church.

W. W. Sholl, a student of Dickinson Seminary came home last week.

A number of our Brush valley people are entertaining the mumps.

Miss Mattie Goodhart, of Centre Hall, visited Rebersburg friends.

Mrs. Stiver, of Flemington, was in Rebersburg a few days last week.

A number of our teachers are attending institute this week at Bellefonte.

Mrs. George Fehl, of Aaronsburg, was in Rebersburg a few days last week.

J. G. Royer, of Zion, was visiting his brother Daniel, near Rebersburg several days.

Supt. Gramley is conducting the Centre county institute this week at Bellefonte.

Lizzie Moyer, who is attending the Normal at Bloomsburg is home on her vacation.

Sarah Moyer, of Centre Mills, came home Saturday evening from her Washington trip.

Adam Brungard, of near Wolf's Store, was in Penns valley last Thursday on business.

The talk is that Rebersburg will have a trolley line in the near future; now Brush valley people cheer up.

One of the popular women in Rebersburg who wanted to get a combination suit, asked one of the merchants for a communion suit.

OAK HALL.

The Woolen Mill at This Place to be Put in Operation in the Spring.

John A. Rupp and wife made a trip to Bellefonte one day last week.

M. Benner and wife, of Rock Forge, were the guests of W. H. Close this week.

James Irvin and wife and son Edgar and wife, all of Snow Shoe, were guests at the home of Anthony Knoff on Sunday.

J. G. Irvin of this place left on Wednesday for Hollidaysburg, where he expects to stay a short time.

Quite a number of our young folks made a trip to Bellefonte Monday evening.

Our woolen mill is going to be put in operation in the spring; we are glad McKinley visited us.

Business is brightening up in our town, we could use about half-dozen more houses in the spring.

Joseph Stone made some improvements on his lot in the way of a new pig pen.

Our huckster, Gramley left on Tuesday with an assortment of chickens, turkeys and pork for Phillipsburg.

James Osman, section boss of Paddy mountain, was in our town a few days.

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TOURS TO CALIFORNIA.

Three Tours Arranged for the Season of 1897 by the P. R. R.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her own beauty; and here she has established her own sanitarium, where eternal spring inspires everlasting youth. With the snow mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one hand, the calm Pacific with its soft breezes upon the other, and a veritable paradise of flowers, fruits, and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, inaugurated a series of annual tours to California, running a through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific Coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route. The great popularity of these tours demonstrates the wisdom of the movement.

For the season of 1897 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, January 27, February 24, and March 27.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago, allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the garden of the Gods.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburgh: First tour, \$310; second tour, \$350; third tour, \$210 round trip, and \$150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Tours to Florida.

No district in America presents, during the winter season, so many varied attractions as the State of Florida. Besides the delightful climate, which to one escaping from the cold and unhealthful changes of the North seems almost ethereal, it is pre-eminently a land of sport and pleasure. Along its eleven hundred miles of salt-water coast and in its twelve hundred freshwater lakes are fish of almost every conceivable variety, from the migratory tribes common to Northern waters to the tarpon, pompano, and others of a more tropical character. Nowhere in all our broad land can the angler find a greater variety of game of better sport.

Here also the most enthusiastic hunter finds satiety. Deer, turkeys, bears, panthers, and wild cats roam at large through the more sparsely settled regions, while birds of all kinds may be found in abundance throughout the state. The more novel sport of alligator and manatee hunting may also be indulged in by the more adventurous tourist.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its boating and bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its extensive forests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

To this attractive state the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged four personally conducted tours during the season of 1897, leaving by special train January 26, February 9, and 23, and March 9. The first three tours will admit of a sojourn of two weeks in this delightful land; tickets for the fourth tour will be valid to return until May 31 by regular trains.

Rates for the round trip, \$50.00 from New York, \$48.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information, apply to ticket agents, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, offers the widest field in the selection of holiday gifts to be found in the county. Gifts that are useful are always appreciated. See the stock when out on a hunt.

SPRING MILLS.

Mr. Baker's Family Improving After being Afflicted With Diphtheria.

Some of our farmers expect wheat to advance to about \$1.05 before the bawble bursts. Of course this is possible, but not very likely.

The members of the M. E. church located here, are making extensive preparations for an attractive entertainment during the holidays.

The old report of a machine shop, steam tannery and several other shops to be located here, is again revived; but of course it has no foundation.

Willis Rishell, of Lewistown, formerly of this village, having disposed of his hotel in Lewistown, made us a visit several weeks ago, is now ill and has been confined to his room for the last ten days.

G. H. Long, one of our merchants has greatly improved his residence by remodeling and erecting quite an addition to it, and placing a very handsome portico in front extending around one side; the improvement adds greatly to the neighborhood.

Business this winter in our village falls below the average, even the approaching holidays adds very little to the volume, but after the advent of the new year, according to the prolific promises of our Republican friends, under the new regime, no doubt business and civilization will soar phoenix like to Ione—perhaps.

Professor Reaick of our village intends engaging in the bicycle and printing business, and is erecting a two-story building for that purpose a short distance above the postoffice, on dit that the Prof. is an applicant for postmaster. By the way several applicants have dropped out of the scramble for that position, deeming the contest too much like chopping wood for fun, and like doubtful things, very uncertain.

Six of the seven members comprising the family of W. L. Baker, of our village, section manager of P. R. R. were ill at one time from diphtheria; with two of the children the disease assumed a very malignant form, and after an illness of a few days both died. The other members of the family are improving. The entire community deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Baker in their sad affliction; no other cases of diphtheria are reported.

People in this section think Mr. Miller is making a very unwise move in contesting Mr. Cronister's election. The Democrats and many Republicans feel satisfied that the result of the investigation will simply increase the latter's majority, and cost the county from ten to twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Miller has been defeated twice in succession for office within the past fifteen months, and that should certainly satisfy him that the people have no use for him politically. Take the advice of your friends Mr. Miller, and drop out of politics.

Protection Needed.

A conference of the depositors of the four suspended Blair county banks was held in Hollidaysburg on Thursday. Members of the county bar were excluded, and eminent Philadelphia counsel retained. The public school districts of five towns and seven townships, whose deposits were in these banks, are greatly inconvenienced by the unexpected lack of funds.

Depositors should always be sure of a bank's good backing as well as of the character of the men in charge. Where these are found speculating in stocks and other outside transactions, it is always done with the money belonging to depositors and the banks break, depositors being the losers.

The banks should be made to offer guarantees to their customers, as most city banks do; where a bank can't offer this, it is evidence that it is not a safe institution in which to deposit your money. The bank will not trust you with a dollar unless you first give it a guarantee. The misuse or misdirection of funds, the favoritism to which such small concerns would be liable to, considerably increase the perils of existence.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

Fine Raisins, Prunes, Peaches, Apricots, Figs, Dates, Orange, Lemon Peel and Citron, fine Confectionery, Clear Toys, ank a full line of holiday supplies.—Sechler & Co., Bellefonte.

—There is not a larger stock of clothing to be found in the county than Lewins, Bellefonte, has on his shelves. It is all up to date and of the latest style. The prices are way down.